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In re Application of: Wöldike et al.

Serial No.: 10/044,426

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For: Method For The Production Of VII

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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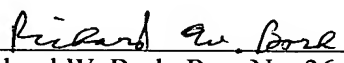
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application.

No fee is required for this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Please charge any additional fee to Novo Nordisk of North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 14-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, kindly amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Substitute the following claim for original claim 1:

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1. (Amended) A method for producing Factor VII comprising (a) cultivation of a mammalian cell line comprising a DNA sequence encoding a yeast-derived endoprotease having Kex2 enzymatic activity and a DNA sequence encoding Factor VII (FVII) in a suitable culture medium, under conditions in which both said endoprotease and said FVII are expressed; and (b) isolation of Factor VII from the medium.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.